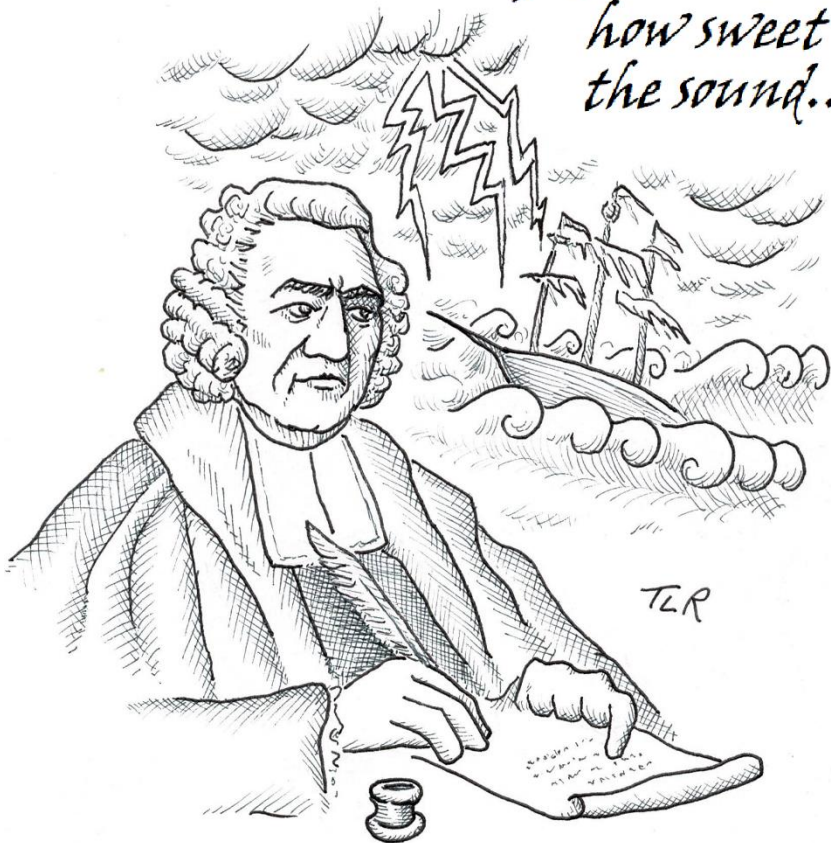


A Matter of GRACE

Amazing Grace

*how sweet
the sound...*



John Newton, AD 1772, writing the words to "Amazing Grace."

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
JUNE 9TH, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord* 2024

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History, looking at historic debates over the nature of God.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *“Glory be the Father”* (#559).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”* (#202).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:I-10.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Special: Pastor Reese (*“Amazing Grace”*).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *“Grace Greater than our Sin”* (#38).

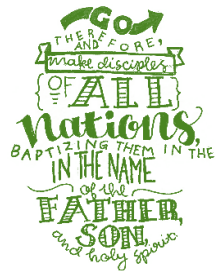
Dismissal of Youth for Children’s Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES”* (Pt. III: GRACE).

Closing Hymn:* *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* (#46; vv. I, 4).

Benediction.*



Week of June 2 – June 8

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—13; Midweek—4;

Offering—\$567.⁰⁰; Internet Archive Audio—34 (last current);

“BEGATS” Video (Rumble—14, YouTube—203, Facebook—38)—Total: 255 views

MIDWEEK PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 PM

UPDATE ON BABY GUS: 6 Months Old! (6/4/24)



Happy six months Gus! Hard to believe we're halfway through his first year. We've been through so much together. God has been kind. Gus is doing okay and remains stable. His kidneys still aren't doing great, but we're working to increase dialysis passes. He's a little more uncomfortable because of that, but he's making progress. The goal is to get his fluid balance more consistent and stable and transition to a cyclor. Keep praying with us, friends. Thank you so much!—Mark Joubert (Gus' Dad)

ZOOM!!! Once again our friends at **CEF** will be helping with our **VBS** this year, which will be held **July 8-to-12**, from **12:30-to-2:00 PM**.



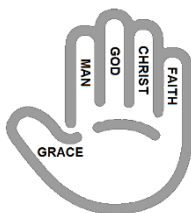
Our theme this year is "**ONE WAY!**," and we will feature a racing-car motif. Please be inviting children from pre-K through elementary school age.

The Evangelism Explosion method of sharing the Gospel:

This Week's Principle: Salvation is a Matter of GRACE!

Heaven is *not* deserved by anybody; it cannot be earned or merited (Eph. 2:8-9). It can only be received as a **free gift** (Rom. 6:23). This is a **KEY POINT** for *repeated emphasis*:

Unsaved people generally do NOT know this!



The **true spirit** of Evangelism: one poor **BEGGAR** telling another where to find the **FOOD!** This is a wonderful message that should thus be communicated in both a **HUMBLE** and **GRACIOUS** manner!

In our "Gospel Hand" aid to memorization, the anchoring Thumb reminds us of the hitchhiker's "Free Ride!"

Grace Defined...

“Ascribed to God, grace is His voluntary, unrestrained, unmerited favor toward guilty sinners, granting them justification and life instead of the penalty of death, which they deserved.”—Herman Bavinck

“[Grace is] the free bestowal of kindness on one who has no claim to it.”—Louis Berkhof

“Grace...expresses two complementary thoughts: God’s unmerited favor to us through Christ, and God’s divine assistance to us through the Holy Spirit.”—Jerry Bridges

“Grace is God’s free and unmerited favor shown to guilty sinners who deserve only judgment. It is the love of God shown to the unlovely. It is God reaching downward to people who are in rebellion against Him.”—Jerry Bridges

“Grace is God’s sovereign, unmerited favor, given to those who deserve His wrath.”—John Frame

“Grace is not something that one earns or gets; it is something that one can only receive.”—David Garland

“God’s grace is His active favor bestowing the greatest gifts upon those who have deserved the greatest punishment.”—William Hendriksen

“Grace is the very opposite of merit... Grace is not only undeserved favor, but it is favor shown to the one who has deserved the very opposite.”—Harry Ironside

“[Grace is] the free and benevolent influence of a Holy God operating sovereignly in the lives of undeserved sinners.”—Phil Johnson

“Grace is favor shown to people who do not deserve any favor at all... We deserve nothing but hell. If you think you deserve heaven, take it from me, you are not a Christian.”—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“God’s grace is His unmerited favor toward the wicked, unworthy sinners, by which He delivers them from condemnation and death.”—John MacArthur

“The first and possibly most fundamental characteristic of divine grace is that it presupposes sin and guilt. Grace has meaning only when men are seen as fallen, unworthy of salvation, and liable to eternal wrath... Grace does not contemplate sinners merely as undeserving but as ill-deserving... It is not simply that we do not deserve grace; we do deserve hell.”—Sam Storms

“[Grace is] free sovereign favor to the ill-deserving.”—B.B. Warfield
